



News & Views

MAY 2024

Upcoming Events

- **May 10:** May Dinner RSVP Deadline — [LINK](#)
- **May 16:** Monthly Dinner Meeting - 6 pm Giannilli's II
- **May 30:** Board Meeting 6pm. Chef Dato's. All are welcome to attend.



President's Message:

May Days are Pay Days! It's time to renew your membership for the new club year!

Paying your dues isn't just a transaction—it's a commitment to your growth, empowerment, and the fellowship we share with our BPW sisters. Here are a few reasons why you should renew your membership:

- 1. Friendship and Connections:** At the heart of our organization lies the power of friendship and connections. We are a diverse group of professionals, entrepreneurs, retirees, and thoughtful leaders. From casual gatherings to our monthly meetings, every interaction is an opportunity to forge meaningful relationships, exchange insights, and explore collaborative ventures. Whether you're seeking mentorship, partnerships, or simply like-minded souls to share your day with, our group provides you with the means to do so.
- 2. Professional Development:** In today's dynamic landscape, staying ahead requires continuous learning and skill enhancement. Your renewed membership grants you exclusive access to our state facilitated Personal and Professional Development program. The PPD workshop will equip you with the tools and knowledge necessary to develop leadership skills and improve your interpersonal communication so you can thrive personally and professionally.
- 3. Empowerment and Support:** As we navigate our diverse personal and professional backgrounds, empowerment and support are essential pillars to our success. BPW stands as a beacon of solidarity, offering a safe space for you to share your achievements, challenges, and aspirations. We strive to uplift and empower each member to reach their fullest potential. Renewing your membership reaffirms your commitment to women helping women.
- 4. Collective Impact:** Together, we strive to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. Through state lead projects, district initiatives and local community outreach, we are supporting women led businesses and organizations in our area.

In essence, renewing your membership with BPW is more than a renewal—it's a reaffirmation of your commitment to our fellowship and sisterhood. As we embark on this journey together, let's continue to inspire, support, and uplift one another, forging a path towards a brighter future.

Tracy



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter is Friday, June 7. Please send committee reports, community events, articles, kudos and advertisements to cpalm121@comcast.net OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com before that date.



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May 2024

Member Spotlight for May

Tammy Woodward



Meet Tammy Woodward, a dynamic member of Latrobe BPW for the past two years.

Tammy cherishes the camaraderie and support network within BPW. For her, being a member means more than just networking; it's about sharing experiences, offering practical advice, providing emotional support, and fostering a sense of belonging in the workforce.

As the Technical Programs Secretary for Permitting at the Westmoreland Conservation District, Tammy finds joy in her unconventional office space—a charming red barn nestled in the heart of Greensburg. Surrounded by a close-knit team, including her beloved pets, Tammy thrives in her role, serving the community and collaborating with local contractors and civil engineering departments.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Tammy embraces life with enthusiasm. She finds relaxation in watching movies, spending time with her girlfriends, nurturing her garden, and exploring the beauty of nature through forest hikes.

Tammy's journey to BPW was inspired by Laura Guskiewicz, who encouraged her to join. She encourages new members to embrace their talents and contribute to the collective empowerment of women.

One aspect that might surprise many about Tammy is her artistic flair. With a passion for interior design and floral arrangements, she dreams of unleashing her creativity fully in retirement through her hobby business, TWdesigns, to make the world a more beautiful place.

Tammy's professional journey has been diverse, ranging from dental assisting to computer hardware diagnostics to real estate management. Despite the twists and turns, her resilient spirit and unwavering dedication shine through. Born in Export and raised in Greensburg, Tammy's journey has taken her across Pennsylvania, shaping her into the multifaceted individual she is today.

Married to a Mortgage Loan Originator and blessed with a son and a Himalayan kitty, Tammy wears her heart on her sleeve and values the connections forged within the BPW community.

In her parting words, Tammy expresses gratitude to the women of BPW, looking forward to deepening her connections and making a meaningful impact together in the days ahead.

Thank you, Tammy, for your inspiring journey and vibrant spirit within Latrobe BPW!



May 2024

BPW ROUND-UP



Dinner Committee

BPW Logo Wear

Membership

May Dinner Meeting:

Date: **May 16, 2024**

Event Location: **Giannilli's II**,
Route 30 West, Greensburg

Deadline for Reservations:
Thursday, May 9

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
Cash/Check/Credit \$25
Prepay via PayPal \$27 (link on
dinner reservation)

LINK TO RESERVE: <https://forms.gle/SQMworKxfPJECd1a7>

Questions about the dinner meeting?
Email: latrobebpwdinner@gmail.com

BPW ONLINE STORE IS OPEN!

Show your BPW spirit with our new line of logo wear! You can shop 24/7/365 online through our member partner Unity Printing. Order your gear by the end of each month and it will be delivered to you at the following month's meeting! Check out the great items at: www.unityprinting.com/bpw



Please invite your friends, co-workers, and wonderful women that you meet to dinner.

Ask our membership team: Maria Newill and Tina Grace Donkers, for our "business" card and membership application to share with your guests.

And don't forget . . . "May Day is Pay Day"
Renew your membership in May to be entered into the drawing. See below for details.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION will be held at this month's meeting



May Day is Pay Day!



All membership dues are renewed in May, regardless of your original join date. The membership committee will be running a contest from now until May 1st - 31st.

Everyone who renews their membership in the month of May, will be entered into a drawing. On June 1st, a Facebook Live event will be posted with a randomly generated wheel of names revealing the winner of a \$50 Chick-fil-A card.

Keep inviting guests to attend meetings and to join our Sisterhood. Looking forward to our Sisterhood growing in the 2024-2025 year.

RENEW HERE: <https://frms.glerenewbpwmembership>



May 2024

BPW ROUND-UP



Membership Committee

Welcome New Latrobe
BPW Members:

Mindy Andrews

Carrie Hamley

Gloria Mansfield

Elisabeth McNulty

Lindsay Neary

Terri Snow

Michelle Van Horn

Keri Woolord

Beth Ziance

Lorin Zimmerman

HAPPY RETIREMENT

May this new chapter be filled with relaxation,
joy, and the freedom to pursue all your
passions.



Leigh Taylor

Leigh retires from Mt. Pleasant School
District after serving the community for
27 years as a Guidance Counselor

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BPW ROUND-UP



Foundation

The Edith Oler Flanagan Disaster Fund is available to any BPW/PA member who has suffered a financial hardship caused by any reason, such as uninsured medical expenses, fire loss, termination of employment, etc. The awards are based on financial need. www.bpwpa.org

Public Relations

Important Social Media and Website Links!

Website: www.latrobebpw.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BPWLatrobe
(Business Site)

www.facebook.com/groups/latrobebpw
(Private Member Group—more informal; Business Owners can run ads and share info once weekly; Share Community Events)

Search for us on YouTube, Instagram and LinkedIn

ISO: Chairwomen and Committee members for the 2023-2024 year. Please email latrobebpw@yahoo.com if interested.

Editors Note:
Please send me content. Lots of articles make the newsletter more interesting!

Thank you ~Carol Palmer

Committee chairs: Send your round-up items in for the next newsletter's Round Up. Committee Reports are due by first Friday of each month. Send them to cpalm121@comcast.net OR latrobebpw@yahoo.com

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the monthly meeting Thanks for
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May Students of the Month

EWCTC



Tess Campbell

Tess Campbell attends Greater Latrobe Senior High School and the EWCTC for the cosmetology program. She is a member of the National Honors Society, Student Council, and the Girls Lacrosse team at Latrobe and is president of the National Technical Honors Society and a member of SkillsUSA at the EWCTC. Tess is currently participating in the EWCTC's Cooperative Education program as a Nail Technician at Sanctus. She plans to attend the Westmoreland County Community College for the Entrepreneurship Business program hoping to own a salon someday. In the future, she also plans on continuing her education to get her cosmetology teacher license.

Arieal Rice, is a 3rd year Culinary Student at Eastern Westmorland Career and Technology Center (EWCTC.) Her reason for joining the program was her interest in the culinary competitions. Over the years, she was involved in a substantial amount of them. She and her team placed 3rd in the state at Pennsylvania Prostart Culinary Competition and also placed 1st in the local "Chopped!" Competition with the same team. She also participated in and lead banquets and caterings for over 200 people. Rice is currently employed at Sheetz and enjoys baking and cooking during her free time. After graduation this May, she has plans of going to college for Business Management with hopes to combine culinary and business to travel the around the world. Later in her life she plans to open a small bakery.



Arieal Rice

May 2024

Guest Speaker

Kathy Brown



Kathy Brown was born in Johnstown and moved to Ligonier when her father took a job as principal of Ligonier Valley Sr. High School. Education was always a part of her family. She graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a degree in Elementary Education and from IUP with a Masters on Elementary Education. Kathy taught at RK Mellon Elementary for 32 years, retiring in 2010.

After retirement she started working at The Finishing Touch in Ligonier. That job led her to becoming a member of the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce, serving 6 years on the board. Kathy also has her own “just for fun” business...Tasty Trek: a Food Tour in Ligonier.

Kathy, along with Cheryl McMullen and Bonnie Harr, started Westmoreland Walks, Inc.: Taking Steps Against Breast Cancer in 2000. She also serves on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition.

Kathy resides in Ligonier with her husband Bill, daughter Abby and their 2 little dogs, Chino and Zero.

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LATROBE BPW

BPW/PA State Convention Grant Application

The purpose of the grant is to encourage members to attend State Convention, especially those who might be concerned by the expense.

This grant, in the amount of \$200, will be reimbursed to a member who attends State Convention in person for the FIRST time. The member MUST attend full time, including all meetings. The members will be reimbursed after State Convention, following submission of receipts for payment. The Grant will assist in covering accommodation and travel expenses. Members who have previously attended even a portion of State Convention do not qualify for this grant.

NAME: _____

DATE JOINED LATROBE BPW: _____

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED STATE CONVENTION: _____ YES _____ NO

Activities / Committees you have participated in since joining Latrobe BPW (brief description of what you did / do)

Please submit a 50 – 100 word essay on why you should be awarded the \$200 grant. Please attach your essay to your application.

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please mail your application to Dawn Hughes, Latrobe BPW Convention Grant Committee, 193 Stewart Road, Derry, PA 15627. Deadline for entries is our May Membership meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2023.

May 2024

BPW/PA State Updates

State Convention

June 6—9

Best Western Premier The Central Hotel & Conference Center

Harrisburg, PA

2024 BPW/PA State Convention Friday Night Event Shirts

The 2024 BPW/PA State Convention Friday Night Event shirts are now available for order! This year, both BPW/PA official printers will be producing the same shirt, ensuring quality and consistency.

Don't miss out—place your order today and secure your shirt for the convention. All orders will be conveniently delivered to the State Convention for pickup during registration.

Click here to order: <https://www.unityprinting.com/bpw>

Hurry, as **orders must be placed by May 19th!** All orders will be delivered to the convention and can be picked up at registration.

\$4.00 from each shirt sold will be donated back to the PA/BPW Foundation EOF Fund.



BPW/PA State Resources:

<http://www.bpwpa.org>

Watch for **THE BUZZ** emailed every
Monday morning.

Weekly e-blast of BPW/PA.

Missing the email?

Contact bpwpawebmaster@gmail.com

MEMBER NETWORKING — PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BPW BUSINESSES



- 2—Donna Whirth
- 12—Faerie Grace
- 15—Suzanne Mahady
- 16—Janet Riordan

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